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English.

Awaiting your reply and holding myself at your  
service for any further information, I am,

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

Please advise your answer - in case  
after May 15<sup>th</sup> to  
you do not wish to take ~~from~~

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c/o Prof D. L. Scherman

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institutions in the past have been Yale University, Columbia University, the University of Pennsylvania, Johns Hopkins University, the University of Chicago, Lowell Institute, Boston, Brooklyn Institute, and so forth. The institutions co-operating are not always the same, but we limit the number to eight, unless the lecturer is willing to include a larger number.

As a compensation, we offer our lecturers the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2500), for the course.

The lectures are to be published by us and the copy-right belongs to the Committee.

Our audience consists of students and intelligent laymen. The lecturer must, of course, adapt himself to a popular audience in the best sense of the word.

Your distinguished position among Semitic scholars naturally suggested your name to us as the one most capable of treating the subject of "Islam." We feel sure you would thoroughly enjoy your visit, and the question for you to decide, before the formal invitation reaches you, is whether you feel disposed to undertake the preparation of a course of lectures such as we desire in

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Professor Ignaz Goldziher,  
Buda Pesth,  
Hungary.

My dear Sir:--

I have been directed by the American Committee for Lectures on the History of Religions to inquire whether you would be disposed to accept an invitation from the Committee to deliver a course of lectures (in English) on "Islam," during the months of January to April, 1908, or October to December, 1908.

Our Committee was organized in 1891, somewhat on the plan of the Hibbert Foundation in England, to promote by means of popular lectures and publications a more general intelligent interest in the historical study of the history of religions.

We have had among our lecturers Professor Rhys Davids, Canon Cheyne, Professor Budde, and Steindorff, and also two American scholars, the late Dr. Brinton, and Professor G. W. Knox.

The course generally consists of six lectures delivered before eight institutions. The co-operating